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RECTIFICATION OF THE "TIMOR-GAP TREATY" BY AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT.

THE RECTIFICATION BY THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT, OF THE SO CALLED TIMOR-GAP TREATY, SIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA AND INDONESIA ON 11TH DECEMBER, 1989, CONSTITUTES A CLEAR AND FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW AND, ALSO, A TOTAL DISREGARD FOR THE SEVERAL UNITED NATION RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE EAST TIMORESE PEOPLE AND CONDEMNING THE INDONESIAN MILITARY INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF EAST-TIMOR SINCE 7TH DECEMBER,1975.

THE RECTIFICATION IS ALSO A LEGAL AND IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN AN ACCESSORY TO A CRIME OF INVASION, ANNEXATION AND ANNIHILATION OF MORE THAN 200,000 EAST TIMORESE SINCE 7TH DECEMBER 1975.

AS NO ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT YET, EAST TIMOR IS STILL REGARDED BY THE UNITED NATION AND BY A GREAT MAJORITY OF NATIONS AS A "NON-AUTONOMOUS TERRITORY" UNDER PORTUGAL ADMINISTRATIVE POWER.

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